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1. ZEIN CONVEYED MESSAGE TO KHALIFA THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAD HEARD THAT SOME ELF PRISONERS HELD BY IEG HAVE BEEN SHOT RECENTLY. THEY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT STATUS AND WELL-BEING OF THE FIVE ELF CAPTIVES HELD BY IEG WHOSE NAMES ORIGINALLY SUPPLIED TO US BY ELF. ZEIN STATE THAT ELF NOW FEARS THAT TURNING OVER MORE ELF PRISONER NAMES TO IEG IN COMPLIANCE WITH IEG REQUEST FOR ELF TOTAL DEMANDS COULD RESULT IN PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST THESE ELF PRISONERS.

2. KHALIFA FURTHER INFORMED THAT ZEIN'S SUPERIORS DEMAND ASSURANCE THAT ALL FIVE ELF PRISONERS ARE ALIVE AND WELL. ELF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAVE INSTRUCTED ZEIN NOT TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER UNTIL FATE OF FIVE ELF PRISONERS CLARIFIED AND SOME GESTURE FORTHCOMING FROM IEG.

3. KHALIFA THEN STATED THAT PRECISE NATURE OF GESTURE NOT SPELLED OUT BUT HE INTERPRETED ZEIN'S MESSAGE AS INDICATING THAT AT LEAST TWO OR THREE OF FIVE ELF PRISONERS SHOULD BE RELEASED AS A MARK OF GOOD FAITH TO ENABLE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE.

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4. COMMENT. BELIEVE ACTION PLANNED IN PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL NOW

ESSENTIAL TO START NEGOTIATIONS MOVING AGAIN. AT THE VERY LEAST
PLEASE CABLE IMMEDIATE IEG ASSURANCE THAT FIVE IEG HELD ELF
PRISONERS ARE ALIVE AND WELL.
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